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FIVE FACTS – All You Need to Know about Land Preservation Programs Funded by the Transfer Tax

FACT ONE – Preservation programs are funded by a DEDICATED SOURCE -the Transfer Tax is a ½ % tax on all real estate transactions and it is the only source of state revenue increasing

FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY FY2021
\$203.2	\$214.8	\$225.1	\$234.3	\$243

FACT TWO –While the fund as traditionally been diverted, in 2016 HB 462 returns the programs to full cash funding and established a plan to repay past diversions.

FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
\$21.5 more than pre-authorization	\$40 more than pre-authorization	Full Cash Funding Plus \$22	Full Cash Funding Plus \$21	Full Cash Funding Plus \$69

FACT THREE – 2018 Budget followed the plan – but \$46 million still went to the general fund

Program	2018 Final Legislative Action
POS Stateside	\$27,976,662 (cash)
POS Local:	\$37,213,279 (cash)
Rural Legacy: FY 18 Transfer Tax Revenue FY 18 GO Bond	\$23,913,725 \$18,913,725 (cash) \$5,000,000 (bond)
MALPF FY 18 Transfer Tax Revenue	\$32,923,775 \$27,923,775 (Cash) \$5,000,000 (County Match)
Heritage Areas	\$3,000,000 (cash)
Baltimore City: FY 18 Transfer Tax Revenue	\$3,500,000 \$1,500,000 (Cash) \$2,000,000 (Specific parks)
MARBIDCO Next Generation Farmer Program	\$2,500,000 (first pay-back)

FACT FOUR – The Budget Process can be Convoluted

Departments (DNR, Agriculture, Planning) Prepare Draft Budget

Governor Modifies/Submits to Legislature

Senate – First Chamber this year

Department of Legislative Services – Analysis and Recommendations

Subcommittee (Capital Budget)

Full Committee (Budget and Taxation)

Floor – All Senators

House

Subcommittee (Capital Budget)

Full Committee (Appropriations)

Floor- All Delegates

Conference Committee if Needed – Appointed by Leadership

Adopted

FACT FIVE – The Next Legislative Session will be Crucial and we Need Your Help to Encourage the Governor and Legislature to Honor the Promise made to the Residents of Maryland...

1. JOIN Partners for Open Space – www.partnersforopenspace.org;
2. Follow us on facebook  PartnersForOpenSpace
3. Tell YOUR elected officials that land preservation programs are important for YOUR community. Show them projects funded by the transfer tax – take them out on the land!
4. Let us know the projects that need to be funded in your community – help us put a face to the programs.



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